

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested. Claims 7, 12-14, and 19-21 remain pending in the present application. Applicant's Attorney appreciates Examiner's allowance of Claim 22 and the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in Claims 7, 12-14, and 19-21. However, Applicant's Attorney believes that prior pending Claims 1-25 were in a condition for allowance. Yet, in order to expedite issuance of the instant application, Claims 1-6, 8-11, 15-18, and 23-25 are currently canceled. Applicant believes there is additional subject matter that is patentable in this application and accordingly reserves the right to file a Continuation Application covering same. Please note that the term crest sets in line 8 of original Claim 1 was amended to crests, eliminating a typographical error prior to incorporation into Claims 7, 12-14, and 19-21.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 15-18, and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sundet et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,521,011), Sommer et al. (U.S. Patent 5,618,324), Boothe et al. (U.S. Patent 3,853,529), Choi (U.S. Patent 6,165,244), Navarre et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,965,091), Homonoff et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,765,812), and Kahlbaugh et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0167742 A1). Applicant's Attorney currently cancels Claims 1-6, 8-11, 15-18, and 23-25 in order to expedite issuance of the instant application. Therefore, Applicant's Attorney respectfully requests said rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicant's Attorney asserts that the instant application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant's Attorney therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner allow the pending claims.

However, if the Examiner believes there are other unresolved issues in this case, Applicant's

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